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IMPORT TRADE BY COMMODITY

The Bureau of the Census, Department of Commerce, announced today that the decrease in U.S. general imports from $2,159.9 million in December 1965 to $1,828.7 million in January 1966[1] a drop of about 15 percent, reflected decreases in imports of all but one of the 10 Schedule A commodity sections. However, as pointed out by the Bureau in the January 1966 issue of Report FT 900-I (Total Import Trade), users of the statistics should be cautious in using month to month changes in the data as a reflection of the underlying trend[2]. Bearing in mind the qualifications referred to above (see footnote 2), changes in the dollar values of individual Schedule A commodity sections and for leading commodities within the sections from December 1965 to January 1966 follow.

Imports of manufactured goods classified chiefly by material fell from $535.8 to $442.1 million due in part to decreases in imports of tin and alloys (primary and mill shapes), from $33.1 to $14.1 million; standard newsprint paper, from $78.5 to $68.7 million; gem diamonds, from $37.0 to $28.6 million; and other commodities. Decreases in imports of sugar, from $52.5 to $16.4 million; coffee, from $113.2 to $92.8 million; and cattle, except for breeding, from $18.7 to $8.3 million were the chief factors in the drop in imports of food and live animals, from $368.7 to $286.4 million. Imports of inedible crude materials, except fuels, fell from $286.5 to $245.8 million as decreases were reported in imports of iron ore and concentrates, from $31.1 to $18.7 million; oilseeds, oil nuts, and oil kernels, from $11.0 to $3.1 million; crude rubber, from $17.1 to $9.6 million; and lumber (sawmill products), from $32.4 to $24.9 million. However, imports of wool and animal hair, except on the skin, also included in this section, increased from $23.0 to $33.5 million.

Imports of mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials, fell from $223.7 to $198.3 million reflecting lower levels of imports of crude petroleum, from $103.0 to $91.0 million and fuel oil, from $94.7 to $80.9 million. Imports of beverages and tobacco fell from $58.6 to $45.5 million. This change reflected a decrease in imports of whiskey and other distilled spirits, from $40.6 to $23.7 million which was partly offset by an increase in imports of unmanufactured tobacco, from $5.7 to $13.3 million. Imports of machinery and transport equipment declined from $337.2 to $325.0 million as decreases in imports of some commodities included in this section were offset by increases in others. The more notable of these counterbalancing changes were decreases in imports of Radio, TV, and other telecommunications equipment, from $13.0 to $7.8 million and civilian and military aircraft and parts, from $27.1 to $16.6 million and increases in imports of passenger cars, from $63.2 to $75.0 million and motorcycles (and motor scooters) and parts, from $10.2 to $14.2 million. Changes in the dollar values of other Schedule A commodity sections from December 1965 to January 1966 were as follows: chemicals, from $80.8 to $69.0 million; animal and vegetable, oils and fats, from $8.3 to $18.7 million; miscellaneous manufactured articles, from $191.0 to $157.1 million; and commodities and transactions not classified according to kind, from $68.1 to $40.8 million.

[1] On a seasonally adjusted basis, U.S. general imports were valued at $1,935.5 in January 1966 as compared to $2,034.6 million in December 1965. (See the January 1966 issue of Report FT 900-I)

[2] All of the 1965 monthly data were affected to some extent by the following factors: 1) the two strikes within the maritime industry (starting in January 1965 and in June 1965); 2) the working off of peak document processing loads following the termination of the strikes; and 3) certain procedural changes in compiling the data which were put into effect during the year. Also, because of changes in commodity classifications effective January 1, 1966, and certain processing difficulties, there was excluded from the recorded January 1966 import data about $55 million. These exclusions will be corrected and processed for inclusion in subsequent months' data.

EXPLANATION OF STATISTICS

COVERAGE Import statistics include merchandise imported by government agencies as well as by private importers, but exclude American goods returned by the U.S. armed forces for their own use. U.S. trade with Puerto Rico and U.S. possessions is not included in this report but the import trade of Puerto Rico with foreign countries is included as a part of the U.S. import trade. Merchandise shipped in transit through the United States between foreign countries is not included in import statistics. However, the statistics may include some merchandise (principally duty free) which is entered through U.S. Customs and subsequently exported in the same condition in which imported. In many cases, such merchandise differs from intransit merchandise only in the manner in which it is documented.

VALUATION The dollar value shown in the import statistics is defined generally as the market value in the foreign country, excluding the U.S. import duties, ocean freight and marine insurance.

RELIABILITY Effective July 1965, monthly import statistics for individual commodities are based on full compilation of all shipments valued $251 and over (over 98 percent of the total import value) and are therefore free of sampling variability. They are, however, subject to some error due to the omission of all formal and informal entry shipments valued under $251 from commodity statistics. Prior to July 1965, monthly import statistics for individual commodities were based on full compilation of all formal entry shipments valued $100 and over (over 99 percent of the total import value) and thus subject to some error due to the omission from commodity statistics of all informal entry shipments (i.e. those valued under $251) and under $100 formal entry shipments. The statistics in this report are also subject to some error from such sources as the carryover of data from month to month in the compiling process and errors in reporting or processing. Although the effect of such errors on the rounded totals in this report is probably small, the possibility of inaccuracy should be taken into account particularly in using figures of relatively small magnitude. The largest variation from rounding of figures is $50,000.

Further information regarding coverage, valuation, compilation procedures and precision of import data is contained in the foreword of Report FT 125. For complete statement, see foreword in Foreign Commerce and Navigation of the United States.

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U.S. GENERAL IMPORTS OF MERCHANDISE BY SELECTED SCHEDULE A COMMODITY GROUPINGS AND PRINCIPAL COMMODITIES
JANUARY 1966 AND SELECTED PERIODS

(Quantity in units indicated; value in millions of dollars. General imports are commodities imported for immediate consumption plus entries into bonded warehouse. Imports for consumption are commodities imported for immediate consumption plus withdrawals for domestic consumption from bonded warehouses. Figures for 1966 are as originally issued. Figures for 1965 include all revisions published with December 1965 reports, or earlier. Totals represent sum of unrounded figures, hence may vary slightly from sum of rounded amounts)

Commodity description and unit of quantity[1]	January 1966*	1965*		
		January	December	Jan.-Dec.
PART I--Summary Totals				
Total general imports of merchandise....value..	1,828.7	1,112.9	2,159.9	21,366.4
Total imports of merchandise for consumption.....value .	1,800.8	1,138.2	2,129.8	21,281.8
Free.....value..	660.6	409.6	774.7	7,434.6
Dutiable.....value..	1,140.2	728.6	1,355.0	13,847.3
PART II--General Imports of Merchandise, by Selected Schedule A Commodity Groupings and Principal Commodities				
Food and live animals.....value..	286.4	136.4	368.7	3,459.6
Cattle (except for breeding).....value..	8.3	3.1	18.7	98.3
Meat and preparations.....1,000 lb..	92,640	40,801	99,909	1,040,727
value..	41.3	15.2	44.5	426.5
Meat, fresh, chilled or frozen...1,000 lb..	59,814	32,279	61,675	694,031
value..	21.7	10.7	21.9	231.4
Beef, fresh, chilled or frozen.....1,000 lb..	47,984	26,357	50,408	564,274
value..	17.2	8.8	17.6	188.6
Other meat, canned, dried, etc...1,000 lb..	32,825	8,522	38,234	346,696
value..	19.6	4.5	22.6	195.1
Dairy products and eggs.....value..	5.6	1.1	7.0	47.1
Fish, including shellfish, and preparations.....value..	38.2	27.5	42.0	468.7
Fish, fresh, frozen, dried, salted, etc.....value..	31.0	22.8	33.5	385.1
Fish, canned and prepared.....1,000 lb..	17,473	9,981	19,154	178,406
value..	7.2	4.7	8.5	83.6
Grains and animal feeds.....value..	6.5	4.9	9.0	94.6
Fruits, nuts, and vegetables, except oil nuts.....value..	44.9	30.2	50.5	478.6
Fruit, fresh; edible nuts, fresh and dried, except oil nuts.....value..	23.3	16.5	28.8	267.3
Bananas, fresh.....1,000,000 lb..	302	257	377	3,493
value..	14.6	11.9	18.0	162.3
Cocoa or cacao beans.....1,000,000 lb..	94	18	56	794
value..	13.4	3.8	7.5	120.5
Coffee, raw or green.....1,000,000 lb..	242	61	298	2,816
value..	92.8	24.8	113.2	1,058.0
Tea and mate'.....1,000 lb..	10,456	4,088	12,523	130,479
value..	4.7	1.9	5.6	57.5
Sugar, cane or beet.....1,000,000 lb..	308	276	912	7,780
value..	16.4	15.4	52.5	442.5
Beverages and tobocco.....value..	45.5	23.6	58.6	553.2
Alcoholic beverages (whiskey, beer, wine, etc.).....value..	31.9	15.2	52.4	426.4
Whiskey and other distilled spirits.....1,000 PFG..	4,059	2,200	6,898	58,334
value..	23.7	12.8	40.6	337.4
Tobacco, unmanufactured.....1,000 lb..	22,721	12,764	10,740	197,969
value..	13.3	8.1	5.7	120.9
Crude materials, inedible, except fuels.....value..	245.8	177.3	286.5	3,033.9
Hides and skins, undressed, except fur skins.....value..	5.2	2.6	5.7	80.2
Fur skins, undressed.....value..	13.5	12.2	19.1	112.7

See footnotes at end of table.

Commodity description and unit of quantity[1]	January 1966*	1965*		
		January	December	Jan.-Dec.
Crude materials, inedible, except fuels--Continued				
Oilseeds, oil nuts, oil kernels (copra, etc.).....value..	3.1	5.1	11.0	62.8
Crude (natural) rubber, excluding chlorinated.....1,000,000 lb..	64	43	101	1,015
value..	9.6	7.6	17.1	188.1
Lumber (sawmill products).....value..	24.9	18.5	32.4	375.2
Paper base stocks (wood pulp, pulpwood, etc.).....value..	31.0	28.1	36.6	421.9
Wood pulp.....1,000 s. ton..	241	209	269	3,120
value..	30.9	26.3	34.8	397.2
Textile fibers and waste.....value..	51.9	18.3	40.8	435.7
Cotton, raw, excluding linters and waste.....1,000 lb..	7,708	54	7,570	43,553
value..	3.0	(Z)	2.8	16.4
Wool and other animal hair (except on the skin).....value..	33.5	13.5	23.0	282.9
Wool, unmanufactured, (except on the skin)[2 3].....One mil. lb. clean yield..	32	13	22	281
One mil. lb. actual yield..	45	18	29	378
value..	26.5	12.1	17.4	218.3
Jute and other vegetable fibers.....value..	4.4	1.8	4.4	35.0
Industrial diamonds and other natural abrasives.....value..	5.9	4.7	4.9	56.9
Crude minerals, n.e.s. (asbestos, quartz, mica, fluorspar, etc.).....value..	12.3	7.4	11.1	128.5
Metal ores, concentrates, and scrap...value..	64.1	61.1	78.4	915.3
Iron ore and concentrates.....1,000 long tons..	1,898	2,192	3,123	45,105
value..	18.7	20.1	31.1	443.8
Nonferrous base-metal ores and concentrates[3 4].....value..	36.5	34.8	39.6	395.0
Mineral fuels, lubricants, and related materials ..value..	198.3	198.2	223.7	2,222.4
Petroleum and products.....value..	185.4	185.4	214.6	2,093.4
Crude petroleum.....1,000 bbl..	39,882	36,642	47,363	514,359
value..	91.0	83.1	103.0	1,141.9
Petroleum products (including partly refined).....value..	94.4	102.2	111.6	951.5
Fuel oil.....1,000 bbl..	38,425	43,634	45,612	374,602
value..	80.9	90.5	94.7	782.3
Gas, natural and manufactured (propane, butane, etc.).....value..	12.0	12.1	8.5	113.9
Animal and vegetable oils and fats .....value..	18.7	8.3	9.4	116.5
Coconut oil.....1,000 lb..	102,644	41,453	25,269	385,110
value..	13.1	5.0	3.0	51.0
Chemicals .....value..	69.0	32.8	80.8	781.3
Chemical elements and compounds.....value..	30.0	14.4	39.5	379.7
Organic chemicals.....value..	16.5	5.0	17.1	160.5
Uranium oxide.....1,000 lb..	91	106	568	5,972
value..	0.9	1.0	5.6	58.1
Medicinal and pharmaceutical preparations.....value..	7.5	3.3	7.1	58.1
Fertilizers, manufactured[3].....value..	10.7	8.1	11.8	124.0
Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material .....value..	442.1	268.8	535.8	5,555.9
Leather.....value..	6.8	2.1	7.3	67.5
Plywood, veneers, and other wood, worked.....value..	9.1	12.8	21.1	192.2
Paper and paperboard and manufactures.....value..	75.9	57.2	86.5	870.3

See footnotes at end of table.

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Commodity description and unit of quantity[1]	January 1966*	1965*		
		January	December	Jan.-Dec.
Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material--Continued				
Paper and paperboard.....value..	74.6	56.5	85.1	853.9
Standard newsprint paper..1,000 s. ton..	551	422	627	6,845
value..	68.7	53.1	78.5	855.3
Textiles, excluding fibers and apparel.....value..	77.5	31.4	77.7	798.7
Yarn and thread.....1,000 lb..	13,403	6,662	9,688	69,039
value..	9.2	3.0	7.9	65.7
Cotton fabrics, woven (excluding narrow or special fabrics).....value..	12.8	5.1	8.7	134.5
Other woven fabrics (jute, wool, synthetic, silk, etc.).....value..	39.4	13.3	44.8	422.8
Fabric, wholly of jute, woven....value..	17.2	5.0	19.3	186.7
Woolen and worsted fabrics, woven.....1,000 sq. yd..	5,117	1,797	5,783	63,178
value..	8.3	3.1	9.7	105.3
Glass, glassware, pottery and china..value..	13.7	6.7	15.5	168.3
Gem diamonds.....1,000 carats..	263	209	356	3,165
value..	28.6	18.8	37.0	308.1
Iron and steel (including pig iron and ferroalloys).....value..	79.0	47.5	88.3	1,234.7
Iron and steel mill products.....value..	75.2	41.3	77.0	1,140.3
Wire rods, bars (including reinforcing), structurals, and piling.....1,000,000 lb..	570	232	475	7,796
value..	26.9	11.8	23.6	377.2
Universals, plates and sheets.....1,000,000 lb..	472	263	575	8,822
value..	26.0	16.0	30.6	474.8
Tubes, pipes and fittings.....1,000,000 lb..	159	98	140	1,964
value..	12.0	7.2	10.8	143.8
Nonferrous metals (excluding ores and scrap)[3 5].....value..	104.0	62.5	138.5	1.266.3
Precious metals (mainly platinum)..value..	6.6	9.6	7.8	69.2
Copper and alloys - blister, refined, and mill shapes[3].....value..	38.4	16.2	35.7	424.7
Nickel and alloys - pigs and ingots, and mill shapes[3]...1,000,000 lb..	20	19	21	254
value..	15.2	14.4	15.6	188.7
Aluminum and alloys - primary and mill shapes[3].....value..	15.1	6.2	29.1	264.4
Tin and alloys - primary and mill shapes[3].....value..	14.1	8.5	33.1	167.4
Metal manufactures, n.e.s.....value..	26.4	16.8	37.4	366.6
Machinery and transport equipment.....value..	325.0	143.6	337.2	2,946.8
Machinery, total.....value..	165.3	83.6	185.9	1,745.3
Machinery, other than electric.....value..	108.1	55.8	116.1	1,106.6
Power generating machinery, non-electric (including engines)....value..	22.5	14.5	19.0	194.6
Tractors and agricultural machinery.....value..	17.7	13.2	19.0	195.1
Agricultural-type tractors (excluding parts and accessories)[6].....value..	1.3	0.4	1.9	14.3
Other tractors (contractors', truck tractors, etc.) and parts.....value..	2.6	1.1	3.0	24.7
Office machinery and computers...value..	11.9	5.0	15.0	136.4
Typewriters and parts.....value..	4.3	1.0	5.4	47.8
Metalworking machines (and machine tools).....value..	6.9	2.3	8.3	63.5
Textile, sewing and shoe machinery.....value..	15.8	5.5	17.0	157.2
Other nonelectric machinery.....value..	33.5	15.4	37.8	359.8

See footnotes at end of table.

Commodity description and unit of quantity[1]	January 1966*	1965*		
		January	December	Jan.-Dec.
Machinery and transport equipment--Continued				
Electric machinery, apparatus, and appliances.....value..	57.2	27.7	69.9	638.7
Radio, TV, and other telecommunications equipment.....value..	25.6	13.4	33.5	314.0
Radio receiving sets.....number..	1,246,289	734,464	2,145,479	19,657,273
value..	7.8	4.8	13.0	125.5
Television receiving sets.....number..	86,093	46,335	104,361	1,051,522
value..	5.6	2.6	6.2	59.8
Transport equipment.....value..	159.7	60.0	151.3	1,201.5
Automobiles, busses, and trucks (including special purpose vehicles).....value..	103.1	30.2	92.9	706.0
Passenger cars, new.....value..	75.0	26.9	63.2	640.0
Parts (excluding engines, tires, and electrical) for automobiles, busses, trucks, and special purpose vehicles.....value..	17.3	5.6	13.3	104.1
Parts for agricultural tractors....value..	5.0	2.6	4.8	53.5
Motorcycles (and motor scooters) and parts.....value..	14.2	3.0	10.2	141.0
Aircraft and parts - civilian and military (parts exclude tires, engines, and electrical).....value..	26.6	16.5	27.1	140.5
Miscellaneous manufactured articles.....value..	157.1	80.7	191,0	1,966.1
Clothing (excluding footwear).....value..	42.1	22.1	44.3	543.1
Footwear - rubber, leather, and other.....1,000 pr..	19,067	8,757	15,457	177,281
value..	13.5	5.8	15.5	159.9
Scientific, medical, optical, photographic, measuring and controlling instruments.....value..	16.0	8.8	19.6	178.0
Watches, clocks and parts.....value..	7.6	4.0	11.4	100.3
Musical instruments and parts, including phonographs, tape recorders, phonograph records, etc.....value..	13.5	6.4	18.8	156.6
Printed matter.....value..	7.2	3.0	8.0	77.2
Toys, sporting goods and amusement equipment.....value..	11.8	5.8	12.9	155.3
Artworks, collectors' items and antiques.....value..	6.9	6.5	14.8	141.2
Commodities and transactions not classified according to kind.....value..	40.8	43.3	68.1	730.8
U.S. goods returned.....value..	34.6	20.7	38.6	435.8
Low-value shipments[7].....value..	(**)	20.1	24.1	233.4
PART III--Other Selected Summary Commodity Groupings - (Consolidation of items dispersed among two or more Schedule A Sections of Part II)				
Wool, unmanufactured (including on the skin)[8]..value..	27.9	12.6	19.0	235.8
Fertilizers, crude and manufactured.....value..	10.9	8.4	11.9	127.2
Nonferrous metals - crude, blister, refined, mill shapes and scrap[4,5].....value..	148.8	103.0	185.0	1,729.5
Copper and alloys.....value..	42.2	22.0	37.9	462.9
Bauxite, crude, refined (alumina), and calcined.....value..	12.5	12.4	12.8	148.6

See footnotes at end of table.

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Commodity description and unit of quantity[1]	January 1966*	1965*		
		January	December	Jan.-Dec.
Nonferrous metals - crude, blister, refined, mill shapes and scrap--Continued				
Aluminum and alloys.....value..	16.1	6.3	29.5	272.9
Nickel and alloys, including nickel oxide.....value..	15.2	14.5	15.7	189.6
Tin and alloys.....value..	14.9	9.7	35.3	180.2
Manganese and chromium ore and metal (excluding ferroalloyed forms)[4] [5]....value..	9.0	6.8	11.8	94.5

*See footnote 1 on front page of this report.
**Data on shipments of this commodity were omitted from the January 1966 statistics. See footnote 2 on front page of this report.
- Represents zero.
Z Indicates less than $50,000.
[1]Based on the commodity classifications listed in Schedule A, Statistical Classification of Commodities Imported into the United States, as published in the special Census Bureau publication entitled "Changes in Presentation of U.S. Import Statistics Effective 1964." A "Supplement" to Report FT 930-I showing the coverage for the individual commodity totals in terms of the Schedule A classifications is available on request.
[2]Excludes, also, wool-like hair of other animals (see footnote 8) whether on or off the skin. Wool and wool-like animal hair on the skin are included under "Hides and skins, undressed, except fur skins;" cashmere goat-hair is included with "Fur skins, undressed." All unmanufactured wool and wool-like animal hair, whether on or off the skin, are combined in Part III of this table under the summary grouping "Wool unmanufactured (including on the skin)." See footnote 8.
[3]Consolidated in Part III of this table with similar commodities, dispersed among one or more other Schedule A commodity sections in Part III, and shown under appropriate descriptive headings.
[4]Includes ores of base-metals customarily used as ferroalloying materials: manganese, chromium, tungsten, titanium, molybdenum, vanadium, zirconium, etc.
[5]Includes base metals customarily used as ferroalloying materials but not yet processed into ferroalloys. (See footnote 4, above.)
[6]Parts and accessories for agricultural tractors are shown under "Transport equipment."
[7]Formal import entries valued at less than $100 and informal entries valued at $250 or less.
[8]Includes carbonized wool and wool-like hair of other animals, on or off the skin—e.g. camels hair, alpaca, cashmere, vicuna, angora, etc.

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